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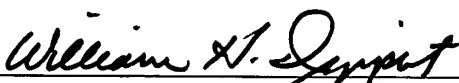
In the amendments above, Claim 1 has been amended and Claims 2 to 13 have been cancelled to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicants' invention.

Claims 1 to 8 and 10 to 13 have been rejected as being unpatentable over the prior art, and Claim 9 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Examiner's attention is directed to the amendments above, where the subject matter of dependent Claims 8 and 9 has been incorporated into independent Claim 1. Claims 1 and 14 should now both be considered allowable. In view of the cancellation of Claims 2 to 13, discussion of the prior art is not believed necessary.

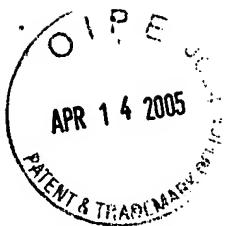
Reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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